

# Customs Modernization

April 2001 Status Update for Oversight Organizations

## Modernization at-a-Glance

### Funding Status

- Committees on Appropriations released \$5M for CMO operations.
- Requested release of \$45M by April 23 to award Prime Integration Contract and Task Orders 1, 2, & 3.
- In September Customs will request release of final \$80M for infrastructure and initial ACE functionality.

### Upcoming Events

- April: Prime Integration Contractor Award
- June: Task Orders 1, 2, & 3 Released

### Let's Talk!

The Customs Modernization Office wants to hear from you! Your comments, questions, and inquiries are welcome through our newly developed electronic mailbox: [cmo@customs.treas.gov](mailto:cmo@customs.treas.gov)

## Customs Modernization: Dedicated & Ready!

On April 25, the Customs Modernization Office (CMO) will partner with a world-class prime systems integration contractor who will lead the design, development, and implementation of the new Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

One of the most important elements of developing a new system is identifying the user requirements. To ensure ACE meets needs Customs-wide, senior CMO staff members were drafted from both business and technology operations.

Providing program oversight is the Assistant Commissioner S.W. Hall Jr. from the Office of Information and Technology. Mr. Hall serves as the Modernization Executive, a single point of responsibility for the program.

Executive oversight, guidance, and planning for the Modernization Program are provided by an Executive

Steering Committee (ESC). The ESC is chaired by Acting Commissioner Winwood with a membership including the Deputy Commissioner, five Assistant Commissioners, and a Treasury representative. ESC advisory groups include the General Accounting Office, the Office of Management and Budget, Customs Investment Review Board, the Trade Compliance Board of Directors, the Trade Support Network, and the International Trade Data System Board of Directors.

Customs is using the Enterprise Life Cycle Methodology (ELCM) to provide structure, vision, guidance, and control to the modernization effort. The ELCM approach demonstrates a commitment to:

- Alignment of business needs with technology solutions
- Disciplined program management processes
- Proactive project oversight and risk management.

"One thing we do know is that we must be more efficient in how we approach our expanding workload in the complex, global trading environment."

— Charles W. Winwood  
Acting Commissioner  
U.S. Customs Service

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